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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Taxes (G) Department

NOTIFICATION

G.O. (P) No. 18/2026/Taxes. *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 13th February, 2026*
1st Kumbham, 1201.

S. R. O. No. 194/2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 24 and 29 of the Abkari Act, 1 of 1077, the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953 issued by notification No. SR4-1859/52/RD. dated 17th January, 1953 and published in the Travancore-Cochin Gazette Extraordinary No. 2 dated 17th January, 1953, namely:–

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RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.*–(1) These rules may be called the Foreign Liquor (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the rules.*–In the Foreign Liquor Rules,1953,–

(1) in rule 28, in sub-rule (1),–

(a) for the first sentence, the following sentences shall be substituted, namely:–

"No FL-3, FL-11 licensed premises shall be kept open before 10 O'clock in the morning and after 12 O'clock in the midnight. No FL-4A licensed premises shall be kept open before 11 O'clock in the morning and after 11 O'clock in the night.";

(b) for the existing proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:–

"Provided that the FL-3 licensed premises of bar hotels having 5 star classification and above may be permitted to be kept open for an additional 3 hours time from 12 O'clock in the midnight on payment of an additional annual rental of ₹ 5,00,000 (Rupees Five Lakh only) subject to the condition that the licensed premises of such hotels shall function only up to 12 O'clock in the midnight if the immediately succeeding day is a statutory dry day as provided in rule 28A of these Rules.";

(2) in FORM F.L.3, under the heading "CONDITIONS" in condition No. 20,–

(a) for the figures, symbols and words "11 O'clock in the morning and after 11 O'clock in the night", the figures, symbols and words, "10 O'clock in the morning and after 12 O'clock in the midnight" shall be substituted;

(b) for the existing proviso, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:–

"Provided that the FL-3 licensed premises of bar hotels having 5 star classification and above may be permitted to be kept open for an additional 3 hours time from 12 O'clock in the midnight on payment of an additional annual rental of ₹ 5,00,000 (Rupees Five Lakh only) subject to the condition that the licensed premises of such hotels shall function only up to 12 O'clock in the midnight if the immediately succeeding day is a statutory dry day as provided in rule 28 A of these Rules.";

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(3) in FORM F.L.11, under the heading "CONDITIONS", in condition No. 8A,–

(a) for the figures, symbols and words, "11 O'clock in the morning and after 11 O'clock in the night", the figures, symbols and words, "10 O'clock in the morning and after 12 O'clock in the midnight" shall be substituted.

(b) The proviso shall be omitted.

By order of the Governor,

K. R. JYOTHILAL,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Government of Kerala have decided to bring uniformity in the operating hours of Bar Hotels and Beer and Wine Parlours functioning in the State. Government have also decided to grant permission to FL.3 licensed Bar Hotels having 5 star classification and above to function an additional 3 hours time after the permissible closing time, on payment of an additional annual rental, in the interest of promoting Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions (MICE) tourism, destination wedding, international conference and other conferences. For the above purpose, the Foreign Liquor Rules, 1953 needs to be amended suitably.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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